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## SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

Just after 10:30 pm on June 20, 2010, officers responded to a family violence call in the 1200 block of San Luis. Information received was that the suspect was threatening individuals with a knife. When officers arrived, they observed the suspect struggling with a female at the location. The officers observed the suspect holding a knife in one of his hands as he struggled with the female. One of the officers identified himself as an SAPD officer and ordered the suspect to drop the knife several times. The suspect refused to comply with the officers commands and commented that he did not care that the officer was there. The officer feared for the safety of the female who was actively struggling with the suspect. The officer fired one shot from his duty weapon striking the suspect once. The suspect was transported to University Hospital in critical condition.

Preliminary information received is that the suspect assaulted a male at the location with the knife prior to the arrival of officers. The suspect was attempting to continue assaulting the male when the female began struggling with the suspect attempting to stop the assault. Injuries to that male appeared to be non-life threatening. The cause of the disturbance/family violence is still under investigation.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol the officer, a 16 year veteran, will be placed on administrative duty.

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